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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Work Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.
2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.
3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).
4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian work force.
5. Seasonally Adjusted Work Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the work force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.
6. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims, and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite Index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Dept. of Commerce. The two indexes do not contain the same data, and the Dept. of Commerce used weighted figures while Montana's index used unweighted figures.
7. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.
8. CEP - Concentrated Employment Program.
9. MDTA - Institutional training provided under the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962 as amended.
10. JOBS - On the Job Training including supportive services.
11. JOP - On the Job Training (Contract effective January 1971).

- EMPLOYMENT -

- UNEMPLOYMENT -

- CIVILIAN WORK FORCE -

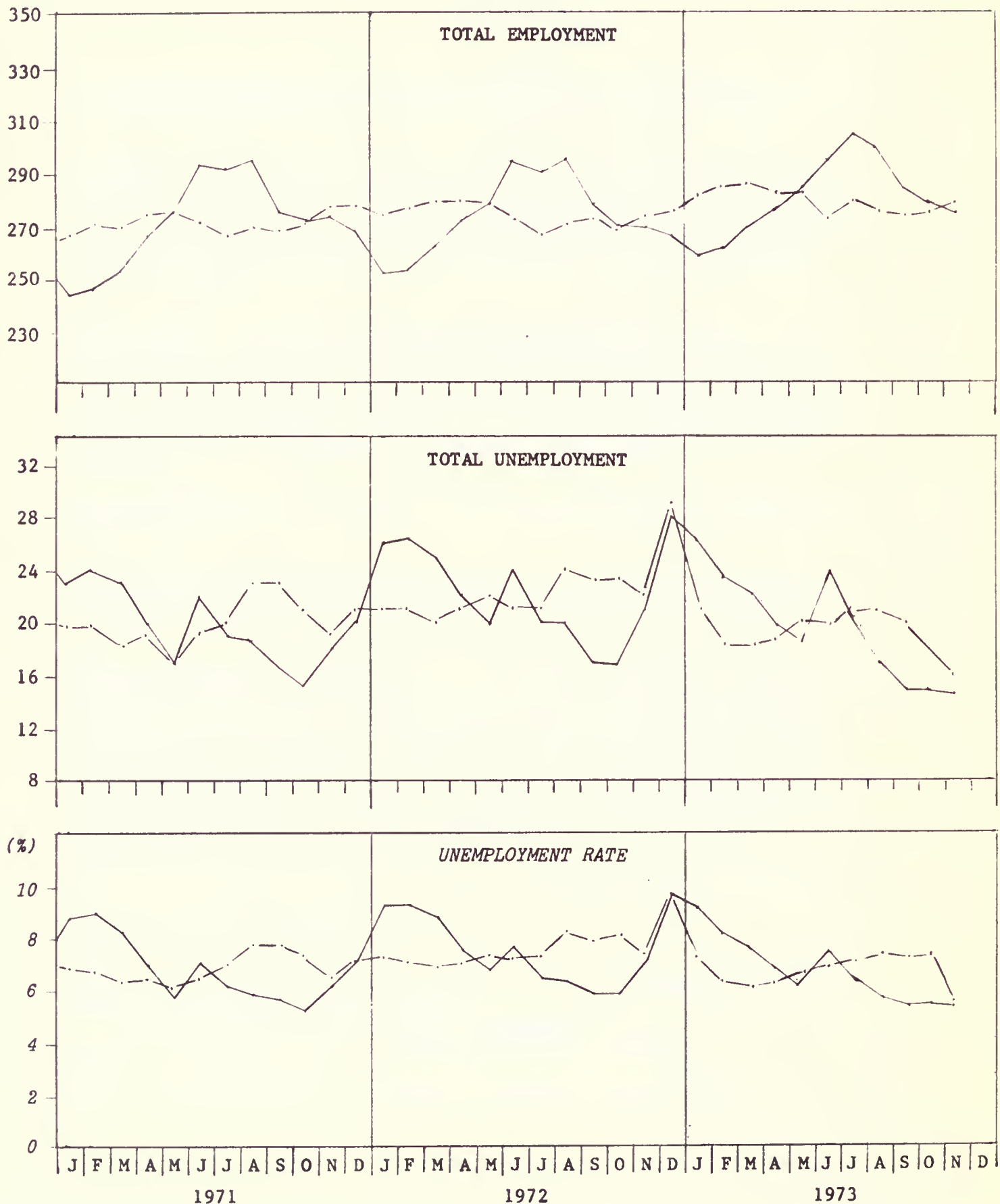
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MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

NOVEMBER 1973

STATE OF MONTANA

Montana civilian work force for October of 1973 was 293,000, a decrease of 3,800 from September 1973 but an increase of 6,300 from the same month one year ago. Total employment for October was 277,400, a decrease of 3,700 from September 1973 but an increase of 7,800 from the same period one year ago. October unemployment rate stood at 5.3% compared with 5.2% last month and 5.9% for October 1972.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 219,900, a decrease of 2,500 from last month and an increase of 6,400 over one year ago for the same time. Total manufacturing employment at 25.9 thousand was 100 higher than in September and up 300 from the same month one year ago. A good increase was noted in the lumber and woods industry while slight decreases were recorded in food and kindred products and primary metals.

Total nonmanufacturing employment for October was 194,000, a 2.6% decrease from September but a 6.1% increase from October of 1972. Industries showing decreases from last month but increases from October of 1972 were contract construction, down 600 from last month and up 2,000 from one year ago; transportation and public utilities, down 200 from last month and up 600 from one year ago; and wholesale and retail trade, down 1,000 from last month and up 700 from one year ago. The service industry was down 1,900 from last month and down 400 from one year ago, while government industry was up 2,200 from last month and remained the same as the number employed in October of 1972. Finance, insurance and real estate was down 100 from last month and remained the same as employment was a year ago at this time, and mining employment remained the same as that recorded in September but increased 200 from one year ago.

Agricultural employment for October was 30,700, a decrease of 1,000 from September but an increase of 300 from the same period one year ago. Montana farmers and ranchers virtually completed harvesting this year's crops by the end of October. Stocks of wheat, oats, rye, barley and flaxseed on October 1, 1973 totaled 150.8 million bushels. The total of these five commodities is 20% below a year ago and the lowest level for this date since 1962. A total of 85.0 million bushels of all wheat were in Montana storage facilities on October 1 compared with 113.1 million bushels a year earlier. Winter wheat in storage was 43.8 million bushels and all spring wheat totaled 41.2 million bushels.

Barley stocks in Montana were estimated at 52.9 million bushels the first of October --- 6% less than October 1 last year and the lowest level for this date in five years. Montana oat stocks at 12.5 million bushels were down 31% from last year.

Livestock movement from summer ranges was over 80% complete by October's end, although in eastern and southern districts of Montana, the movement has been slow due to available forage and warm weather. Feeding hay was starting in the forage short areas of northwest, northcentral, central, and southwest districts.

The Index of Prices Received by Montana farmers and ranchers declined 17 points, 7%, during the month ended October 15, to 235% of the 1967 average. This is the second consecutive reduction in the index since the record high established in August, but the October index was still 59% above the year ago level.

The All Crops Index of Prices Received in Montana on October 15 at 273 was 22 points less than September 15, and 26 points below mid-August. The index a year earlier was 125. Lower prices for wheat and potatoes were partially offset by higher prices for barley, oats, hay, alfalfa seed, dry beans and flaxseed.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

The October Livestock and Livestock Products Index at 210 (1967 = 100) was 14 points below September and 38 points under the August record, but was higher than the 164% of the 1967 base period recorded one year ago.

Production of crude oil and condensate from the oil and gas areas of Montana for the month of August 1973 averaged 93,753 barrels daily, a decrease of 1,017 from the average July production of 94,770 barrels.

Bank debits in Montana's two Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas, Billings and Great Falls, showed gains during September. Billings recorded a 21% increase over September and up 25% for the year, while Great Falls was up 14% over September of last year and up 12% for the year. Other Montana areas showing substantial gains over September of 1972 were Anaconda, up 28%; Bozeman up 28%; Malta up 29%; Livingston up 27%; Harlowton up 29%; and Sidney up 33%.

Montana's total number of building permits totaled 390 in September 1973 compared with 454 issued in September one year ago.

ANACONDA Steady production at the smelter since the strike two years ago, plus the boom in construction has brought income levels to a high point in Anaconda, and most merchants report that this year was the best they have ever experienced. Employment here received a boost this month when 45 men were hired to start up the concentrator at the smelter. This activity will require another main line, 100-car train each day to haul ore from Butte. Construction activity is beginning to slow at the Hot Springs resort which expects to open in mid-December, and construction is near the end at the new area ski resort which should open in mid-November. Both resorts expect to employ a large number of local people for operation.

BILLINGS With the exception of the construction industry major industrial groupings were stable during the month. An increase in openings was noted in the restaurant and hotel categories with no significant change noted in wholesale and retail except for a slight increase in new hires in preparation for the holiday season. A \$5,079,627 contract has been awarded for second-phase construction of a new postal facility in Billings. When completed in January 1975, the 211,500 square-foot building will be used for

processing mail for southcentral Montana. Also, this month the bids were awarded for 3 city facilities including a \$101,170 truck chassis for the Sanitation Department, a \$141,966 maintenance building for the Fire Department and a \$127,300 storage garage for the Transit Department. The sugar beet harvest was temporarily slowed due to heavy snow; however, this did not affect the employment in the refinery which had a back-log of raw sugar beets.

BOZEMAN Construction permits for the month of October totaled \$407,840, the largest being \$100,000 for a new edifice to house the Church of Christ. Also permits were issued for \$52,000 to construct a new radio station, \$31,00 for a new doctors office, and for two new duplexes to be built at a cost of \$38,365 each. A local sawmill settled its labor dispute affecting over 100 persons. The retail, wholesale trade and service industry remained steady during the month; however, adverse weather curtailed late fall field work with feeding and care of livestock being the main activities.

BUTTE A permit to construct a large superstore for \$525,000 made the biggest news this past month in commercial and residential building. Twelve permits carrying a total property valuation of

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

BUTTE (Cont.) \$838,550 were granted during October. Also this month, the first ore from the open pit mine in the Columbia Gardens area went into operation with the initial shipments to be at a rate of 8,000 tons per day which will be increased to about 14,000 tons by mid-November. Bank debits in Butte during September showed an increase of 21% from September of 1972. In dollars the volume was \$84,995,000. Retail and service industries are gearing up for the holidays and anticipate a good seasonal business, considering the good economy of the area.

CUT BANK Oilfield and construction activity in the area is steady as 2 building projects (a pre-fab home factory and a new junior high school) in Browning lead the way. Cut Bank area projects during the month included the opening of a new veterinarian hospital, a medical clinic and gym construction. The 2 manufacturing plants in Browning are running smoothly with the pencil factory going on a crash program to increase productivity. Most ranchers are feeding fewer cattle earlier this year due to a very dry summer causing overgrazing of pastures and hay shortage.

DILLON Construction in the area continues to be steady with such projects as: renovation of the telephone building with plans for completion in mid-December; finishing work on construction of an interstate overpass and installing guard rails; erection of a building that will house an auto-parts business; five men engaged in laying drain fields in the East Bench Irrigation System; and 10 homes are under construction at the present time. A local sawmill added another shift of 15 workers during the first week in November.

GLASGOW The labor market this month was steady with calls for laborers, truck driver helpers and livestock caretakers to work during

the weekly sales. The cold weather shut down most of the outside work. Farm help was needed during the past month for general farm work.

GLENDIVE The sugar beet harvest has been completed in Dawson County and the results of the harvest indicate that 1973 will be an average year for sugar producers with tonnage running between 16 and 18 tons per acre. Generally the sugar beet growers in Dawson County receive about \$850,000 for the sugar crop per year, showing that the growing of sugar beets is very important to the overall economy of the county. Local construction consisted of the building of the new drug store and an addition to a local food store. Retail trade has been picking up as the holiday season and winter shopping come nearer.

GREAT FALLS Permits for a 100-bed addition to a nursing home and for a new church boosted the valuation of all October permits for new building in the city over the \$1 million mark. The city's department of buildings issued 73 permits during the month with a combined valuation of \$1,384,492. Four residential permits were issued for 10 dwelling units with a valuation of \$312,190. Construction is expected to begin soon on the new \$1.4 million, one year, westside water main project. Overall construction demands have been slow, with mass temporary layoffs during the month including an estimated 400 workers laid off due to the bad weather conditions. Demands remained steady in the wholesale, retail and service trades and the agriculture industry. Oil drilling has been active in Chouteau County for this time of year with several companies in the area creating most of the activity.

HAMILTON Employment activities were mostly slow during the past month as a result of a snow storm which moved into the area and other seasonal factors. Contracts were awarded for the new elementary school addition in the amount

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

HAMILTON of \$278,904 and for the new high school building (Cont.) worth \$904,000. Bids also were opened for the new hospital and clinic building in Hamilton. Harvest activities were completed in the area this month and as a result demand for agricultural help has dropped off. The main agricultural activity is now limited to potato sorting and shipping. Retail merchants report a normal seasonal decline in business and do not anticipate any increase in sales until the start of the holiday season. An area sawmill near Darby started a night shift that provided jobs for 12 additional workers.

HAVRE Work on the gas transmission line south of Chinook was about 40% complete by the end of October for laying 70 miles of pipe. About 140 men are employed on the project which will take about one month to complete. Ground was broken for a new manufacturing plant in Gildford. The plant will turn out heat reclaimers for commercial clothes dryers. Other outlook for employment in the nonagricultural field in the Havre area was curtailed due to snow and cold weather. Wholesale-retail trade and service industries remained steady during the month and exploration drilling has shown very little activity. Employment in agriculture remained slow also with winter feeding being the only activity.

HELENA Record amounts of snow fell during the past several weeks and most construction had shut down temporarily. Farm and ranch operations are now geared for late fall and winter projects such as fencing, feeding stock, bale moving, and general repair of buildings and sheds. Retail trade and the service industry held steady during the month but were given a slight boost by a hardware convention that attracted 400 dealers and their wives to Helena. Bank debits during September were 15% higher than at the same time one year ago.

KALISPELL Thirty-one building permits were issued during October with a valuation of \$364,750. This brought the 10-month total valuation on new construction starts to \$5,824,250. In highway construction bids were opened on an estimated \$821,300 road project to rebuild 4.1 miles of highway 40 and U.S. 90 eastward. Also, construction will begin this fall on a new 44-foot wide bridge on highway 40 for an estimated \$182,600. The new Westgate shopping center will help the retail employment and the new K-Mart will begin construction on time. The Christmas tree harvest started to pick up this month and rehiring of ex-employees has begun. The woods industry and lumber mills are still working at good capacity.

LEWISTOWN There has been some activity in all phases of work in the local area during the past month. In the construction industry work continued on several new homes and 3 remodeling projects and also new additions to a local sawmill created jobs for several people. Eight building permits were issued during September with a total valuation of \$38,000. An encouraging 23% increase in Lewistown's bank debits for September over the same month one year ago was noted. The bank debits totaled \$20,912,000. Farm and ranch activity improved this month as feeders were needed in the area.

LIBBY Construction of a new 12,000 square-foot wholesale super market is well underway in Libby and is scheduled to open in January 1974. Two new projects began at the Libby dam site this past month. One contract was \$494,328 for work on restoration along 50 miles of forest development, another, relocation of about 11 miles of Montana 37. The majority of the work is expected to be completed by next spring. Libby Dam employment is down this week below 500 for the first time since January 1972 and cutbacks are expected to continue.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

LIVINGSTON Heavy snow during the month increased the call for domestic help in the local area. The hiring in other industries is slow with some calls for ranch workers expected in the near future.

MILES CITY Nineteen building permits totaling \$112,206 were issued for the month of October including 3 new residences. Most construction crews temporarily laid off workers during early November with the cold weather but all firms have further work and will continue as soon as the weather clears. A new restaurant opened this past month and will employ approximately 40 persons. Bank debits in Miles City during September showed an increase of 2% from the same period one year ago. The majority of the sugar beet harvest was completed by the end of October.

MISSOULA Ground breaking ceremonies were held this month for the new secondary sewage treatment project. This will be approximately a one-year building job and will increase capabilities of the system to keep pace with Missoula's growth. The local plywood plant expansion project is nearing completion and shakedown proceedings are expected later in November with production to get underway before the end of the year. None of the major industrial groups has shown an increase in hiring, and none is anticipated, except for the retail outlets during the Christmas season. A local sawmill shut down a night crew of 65 due to production cut-back and an impending log shortage. Almost all outside construction projects were halted during the snow storm in early November.

POLSON Construction work remained fairly steady during the past month with a new bank building going up quickly, building of retirement apartments in Polson, and a new teen center in St. Ignatius. Sawmill and Main Street activities remained steady with limited demand in the service industry. Farm work was very slow, with mainly general farm work at the time. The Christmas tree harvest was nearly over by mid-November, lasting only about three weeks this year.

SIDNEY Most heavy construction crews in the area have finished their jobs and have moved on to new locations. The new local discount center and the new drug store anticipated an early November opening. Local housing contractors continue to have plenty of work lined up for the winter months. Oil field activity has been steady with a shortage of drilling rigs noted. Cattle feeding operations are starting to go full swing with some demand for labor. Sugar beet harvest was completed with a bumper crop reported.

THOMPSON FALLS Employment levels in all of the basic industrial groups, with the exception of the construction industry remained high and stable.

WOLF POINT The demand for agricultural help for winter and year-round jobs is still remaining ahead of the available supply. Construction work went at a good pace most of the month but slowed down some as the cold weather hit in early November. Ground was broken and work has begun on grain storage facilities at Wolf Point which is to be completed by mid-winter.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S WORK FORCE

Colder weather throughout Montana will create increased unemployment during the winter months. Outside activities such as in construction and agriculture will experience substantial drops in employment. The holiday season will help temporarily to bolster the state's economy in December but it will drop back to normal following the Christmas season.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER 1973

<u>Program</u>	<u>New Enrollees</u>	<u>Job Placements</u>	<u>End of Month Enrollment</u>
WIN	102	66	650
CEP	85	30	274
MDTA (Inst.)	23	15	177
JOBS	27	27	45
JOP	21	21	65
Job Corps	52	25	218

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED^{1/}

OCTOBER 1973

<u>Social Characteristics</u>	<u>Percent of Total Covered Unemployment</u>
Non-White	4.0%
Female	51.2%
Youth	14.2%
Over 45	30.5%

^{1/} Based on 30% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

Table I
MONTANA CIVILIAN WORK FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Aq	Agri.	Total	Percent#		
Montana	U. S.							
1971								
January	269.8	245.7	221.4	24.3	23.7	8.8	6.6	.4
February	272.4	247.5	222.3	25.2	24.5	9.0	6.6	.4
March	276.7	253.6	225.4	28.2	23.1	8.3	6.3	*
April	287.4	267.1	229.6	37.5	20.3	7.1	5.7	*
May	293.0	275.9	236.4	39.5	17.1	5.8	5.3	*
June	316.3	293.7	246.5	47.2	22.5	7.1	6.5	.1
July	318.0	292.4	242.8	49.6	19.8	6.2	6.2	5.8
August	318.9	294.2	244.6	49.6	18.9	5.9	5.9	5.8
September	297.4	274.7	242.3	32.4	16.9	5.7	5.8	5.8
October	286.7	271.3	241.8	29.5	15.3	5.3	5.4	.1
November	290.8	272.5	241.1	31.4	18.2	6.3	5.7	.1
December	288.7	267.7	238.8	28.9	20.9	7.2	5.5	.1
1971 Avg.	293.0	271.4	236.1	35.3	20.1	6.9	5.9	1.5
1972								
January	280.8	254.7	229.6	25.1	26.0	9.3	6.4	.1
February	281.5	255.1	229.8	25.3	26.3	9.3	6.4	.1
March	289.5	263.8	233.9	29.9	25.6	8.8	6.1	.1
April	296.3	273.8	235.9	37.9	22.4	7.6	5.5	.1
May	300.7	280.0	240.7	39.3	20.5	6.8	5.1	.2
June	323.3	298.3	248.8	49.5	24.9	7.7	6.2	.1
July	313.2	292.4	246.1	46.3	20.4	6.5	5.8	.4
August	317.7	296.5	245.6	50.9	20.6	6.4	5.5	.6
September	295.1	277.1	240.3	36.8	17.7	6.0	5.4	.3
October	286.7	269.6	239.2	30.4	17.0	5.9	5.1	.1
November	289.5	268.5	238.0	30.5	20.9	7.2	4.9	.1
December	294.4	266.1	238.5	27.6	28.1	9.7	4.7	.2
1972 Avg.	297.4	274.7	238.9	35.8	22.6	7.6	5.6	.2
1973								
January	285.1	258.8	234.5	24.3	26.2	9.2	5.5	.1
February	283.8	260.7	235.4	25.3	23.1	8.1	5.6	*
March	290.3	268.1	238.8	29.3	22.2	7.7	5.2	*
April	295.9	275.9	240.7	35.2	19.8	6.7	4.8	.2
May	302.7	284.2	245.6	38.6	18.2	6.0	4.3	.3
June	320.5	296.2	253.2	43.0	23.8	7.4	5.4	.5
July	325.1	304.5	252.3	52.2	20.5	6.3	5.0	.1
August	317.7	299.8	253.3	46.5	17.7	5.6	4.7	.2
September	296.8	281.1	249.4	31.7	15.5	5.2	4.7	.2
October	293.0	277.4	246.7	30.7	15.4	5.3	4.2	.2
November	290.5	275.5	245.5	30.0	15.0	5.2	-	-
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50 Current month in italics is a forecast
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks

Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers

Previous month preliminary
Series began January 1957

Table II
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Civilian Work Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent# County State		
1971								
January	29.4	27.4	26.5	.9	2.0	6.8	8.8	0
February	29.7	27.6	26.7	.9	2.1	7.1	9.0	0
March	30.2	28.2	27.0	1.2	2.0	6.6	8.3	0
April	31.2	29.4	27.8	1.6	1.8	5.8	7.1	0
May	31.7	30.0	28.4	1.6	1.7	5.4	5.8	0
June	33.3	30.9	28.7	2.2	2.3	6.9	7.1	.1
July	32.1	28.6	26.8	1.8	2.1	6.5	6.2	1.4
August	32.3	28.9	27.1	1.8	2.0	6.2	5.9	1.4
September	31.6	28.3	27.2	1.1	1.9	6.0	5.7	1.4
October	31.0	29.5	28.7	.8	1.5	4.8	5.3	0
November	31.1	29.4	28.5	.9	1.7	5.5	6.3	0
December	31.2	29.3	28.3	1.0	1.9	6.1	7.2	0
1971 Avg.	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	1.9	6.1	6.9	.3
1972								
January	30.4	28.1	27.2	.9	2.3	7.6	9.3	0
February	30.6	28.3	27.4	.9	2.3	7.5	9.3	0
March	31.1	29.1	27.9	1.2	2.0	6.4	8.8	0
April	32.2	30.4	28.8	1.6	1.8	5.6	7.6	0
May	32.4	30.7	29.1	1.6	1.7	5.2	6.8	0
June	34.3	31.6	29.5	2.1	2.7	7.9	7.7	0
July	33.2	30.9	29.0	1.9	2.3	6.9	6.5	*
August	33.1	30.8	28.6	2.2	2.3	6.9	6.4	*
September	32.3	30.1	28.5	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.0	*
October	32.1	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.1	6.5	5.9	0
November	32.3	29.9	28.3	1.6	2.4	7.4	7.2	*
December	32.1	29.5	28.0	1.5	2.6	8.1	9.7	*
1972 Avg.	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	7.1	7.6	*
1973								
January	31.5	28.6	27.5	1.1	2.9	9.3	9.2	*
February	31.3	28.6	27.5	1.1	2.7	8.7	8.1	*
March	31.4	28.9	27.8	1.1	2.5	7.9	7.7	*
April	32.5	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.3	6.9	6.7	*
May	32.8	30.4	28.8	1.6	2.4	7.3	6.0	*
June	34.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	3.2	9.1	7.4	0
July	34.7	32.2	29.7	2.5	2.5	7.2	6.3	0
August	34.7	32.6	29.9	2.7	2.1	6.2	5.6	0
September	33.5	31.4	29.6	1.8	2.1	6.4	5.2	*
October	33.2	31.4	29.9	1.5	1.8	5.5	5.3	0
November	33.2	31.3	29.6	1.7	1.9	5.7	5.2	-
December								
Avg.								

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Revised to 1972 Benchmarks

Previous month preliminary
Series began January 1962

Table III
BILLINGS SISA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)
Civilian Work Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent# County State		
1971								
January	35.6	33.2	32.1	1.1	2.4	6.7	8.8	*
February	36.2	33.6	32.2	1.4	2.6	7.2	9.0	*
March	36.5	33.9	32.7	1.2	2.6	7.1	8.3	*
April	37.4	35.3	33.5	1.8	2.1	5.6	7.1	*
May	38.4	36.5	34.4	2.1	1.9	4.9	5.8	0
June	39.4	36.8	35.0	1.8	2.6	6.6	7.1	0
July	39.5	37.2	35.1	2.1	2.3	5.8	6.2	0
August	39.2	37.0	35.0	2.0	2.2	5.6	5.9	0
September	38.7	36.6	35.2	1.4	2.1	5.4	5.7	0
October	38.7	37.0	36.0	1.0	1.7	4.4	5.3	0
November	39.4	37.1	35.9	1.2	2.3	5.8	6.3	0
December	39.0	36.6	35.6	1.0	2.4	6.2	7.2	0
1971 Avg.	38.2	35.9	34.4	1.5	2.3	6.0	6.9	0
1972								
January	37.7	35.0	33.8	1.2	2.7	7.2	9.3	0
February	38.0	35.2	34.2	1.0	2.8	7.4	9.3	0
March	39.1	36.3	34.9	1.4	2.8	7.2	8.8	0
April	39.6	37.4	35.8	1.6	2.2	5.6	7.6	*
May	40.1	37.8	36.3	1.5	2.3	5.7	6.8	*
June	42.9	39.9	37.3	2.6	3.0	7.0	7.7	*
July	42.7	40.1	37.3	2.8	2.6	6.1	6.5	*
August	42.8	40.3	37.3	3.0	2.5	5.8	6.4	*
September	41.7	39.5	37.3	2.2	2.2	5.3	6.0	*
October	41.8	39.8	38.1	1.7	2.0	4.8	5.9	*
November	42.0	39.6	38.0	1.6	2.4	5.7	7.2	*
December	41.5	39.0	37.6	1.4	2.5	6.0	9.7	*
1972 Avg.	40.8	38.3	36.5	1.8	2.5	6.1	7.6	*
1973								
January	40.7	37.4	36.2	1.2	3.3	8.0	9.2	*
February	40.0	37.6	36.3	1.3	2.4	6.0	8.1	*
March	40.3	38.2	36.7	1.5	2.1	5.1	7.7	0
April	41.4	39.3	37.8	1.5	2.1	5.1	6.7	*
May	41.9	39.7	38.1	1.6	2.2	5.2	6.0	*
June	45.2	41.9	39.3	2.6	2.9	6.4	7.4	.4
July	43.8	41.2	39.0	2.2	2.6	6.0	6.3	*
August	44.1	41.6	39.2	2.4	2.5	5.6	5.6	*
September	42.4	40.3	38.5	1.8	2.1	4.9	5.2	*
October	42.4	40.4	39.0	1.4	2.0	4.6	5.3	*
November	42.6	40.2	38.9	1.3	2.4	5.6	5.2	-
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50 Current month in italics is a forecast
Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks

Previous month preliminary
Series began January 1962

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Oct. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1972	Net Changes to Current Month	
				from: Sept. 1973	Oct. 1972
1. Civilian Work Force	293.0	296.8	286.7	-3.8	6.3
2. Unemployment	15.4	15.5	17.0	-.1	-1.6
Percent of Work Force#	5.3	5.2	5.9	.1	-.6
3. Employment, Total	277.4	281.1	269.6	-3.7	7.8
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	219.9	222.4	213.5	-2.5	6.4
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	25.9	25.8	25.6	.1	.3
Durable Goods	16.9	16.7	16.6	.2	.3
24 Lumber and Wood Products	9.8	9.5	9.5	.3	.3
33 Primary Metal Industries	3.3	3.4	3.5	-.1	-.2
Other Durable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	.2
Non durable Goods	9.0	9.1	9.0	-.1	0
20 Food and Kindred Products	4.3	4.4	4.7	-.1	-.4
27 Printing and Publishing	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	.1
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Other Non durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.3	0	.3
<u>NONMANUFACTURING</u>	194.0	196.6	187.9	-2.6	6.1
Mining	6.4	6.4	6.2	0	.2
10 Metal Mining	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	.1
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining ...	1.0	1.0	.9	0	.1
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0

Contract Construction	12.5	13.1	10.5	-6	2.0
15 General Building Contractors	4.9	5.2	2.7	-3	2.2
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	3.5	3.7	4.0	-2	-5
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.1	4.2	3.8	-1	.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.5	18.7	17.9	-2	.6
40 Railroad Transportation	6.4	6.5	6.4	-1	0
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.3	5.4	5.0	-1	.3
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services ..	6.8	6.8	6.5	0	.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	55.2	56.2	51.5	-1.0	3.7
Wholesale Trade	10.8	10.8	10.0	0	.8
Retail Trade	44.4	45.4	41.5	-1.0	2.9
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories ...	7.6	7.5	6.9	.1	.7
54 Food Stores	5.8	5.8	5.7	0	.1
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.7	8.7	8.6	0	.1
58 Eating and Drinking Places	13.8	14.9	12.0	-1.1	1.8
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc. .	8.5	8.5	8.3	0	.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	8.9	9.0	8.9	-1	0
Services	36.7	38.6	37.1	-1.9	-.4
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	4.1	5.7	4.5	-1.6	-.4
72 Personal Services	2.3	2.4	2.4	-1	-.1
80 Medical and other Health Services	12.3	12.4	12.3	-1	0
Other Services	18.0	18.1	17.9	-1	.1
Government	55.8	54.6	55.8	1.2	0
91 Federal Government	11.8	12.5	12.1	-.7	-.3
92 & 93 State and Local Government	44.0	42.1	43.7	1.9	.3
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	26.8	27.0	25.7	-.2	1.1
(c) Agriculture	30.7	31.7	30.4	-1.0	.3
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	.2	.2	.1	0	.1

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

Under 50. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1972 Benchmarks. Series began January 1964.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

Table V

MONTANA STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

Employment by Industry

OCTOBER 1973

in Thousands

I N D U S T R Y	Oct. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from:	
				Sept. 1973	Oct. 1972
GREAT FALLS (CASCADE COUNTY)					
1. Civilian Work Force	33.2	33.5	32.1	-.3	1.1
2. Unemployment	1.8	2.1	2.1	-.3	-.3
Percent of Work Force#	5.5	6.4	6.5	-.9	-1.0
3. Employment, Total	31.4	31.4	30.0	0	1.4
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	27.6	27.3	26.3	.3	1.3
MANUFACTURING	2.5	2.4	2.3	.1	.2
NONMANUFACTURING	25.1	24.9	24.0	.2	1.1
Contract Construction	2.0	1.9	1.9	.1	.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	7.8	7.8	7.4	0	.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	.1
Services and Mining	5.3	5.3	5.0	0	.3
Government	5.9	5.8	5.7	.1	.2
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
(c) Agriculture	1.5	1.8	1.4	-.3	.1
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes .	0	*	0	-	0

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers,
and domestic workers in private households.

* Under 50.

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and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

Revised to 1972 Benchmarks. Current month preliminary. Series began January 1958.

Table VI
MONTANA STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
Employment by Industry
OCTOBER 1973
in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Net Changes to Current Month from:				
	Oct. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1972	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1972
BILLINGS (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)					
1. Civilian Work Force	42.4	42.4	41.8	0	.6
2. Unemployment	2.0	2.1	2.0	-.1	0
<i>Percent of Work Force</i> #.....	4.6	4.9	4.8	-.3	-.2
3. Employment, Total	40.4	40.3	39.8	.1	.6
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	35.0	34.5	33.9	.5	1.1
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	4.2	3.8	4.1	.4	.1
<u>NONMANUFACTURING</u>	30.8	30.7	29.8	.1	1.0
Contract Construction	2.3	2.4	2.3	-.1	0
Transportation and Public Utilities	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	10.6	10.7	10.2	-.1	.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Services and Mining	6.9	7.0	6.5	-.1	.4
Government	5.8	5.4	5.8	.4	0
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	4.0	4.0	4.2	0	-.2
(c) Agriculture	1.4	1.8	1.7	-.4	-.3
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes .	*	*	*	-	-

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

* Under 50.

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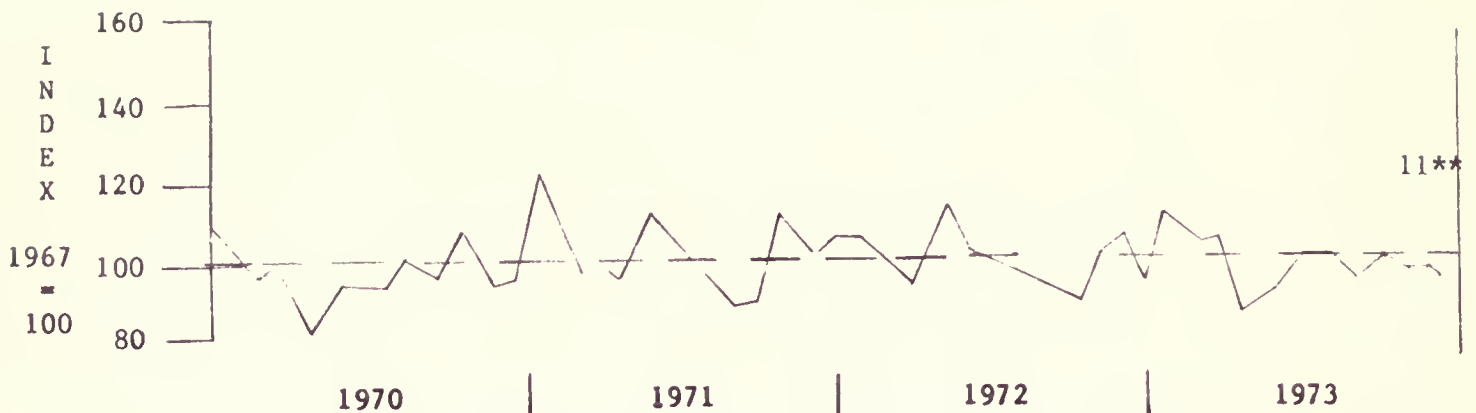
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Series began January 1958.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of SIX LEADING INDICATORS 1967 = 100

1972

January	107.8
February	102.0
March	97.3
April	117.1
May	104.7
June	101.6
July	99.2
August	96.1
September	93.8
October	103.5
November	108.3
December	93.9

1973

January	116.0
February	106.5
March	107.4
April	89.6
May	99.3
June	102.9
July	102.0
August	98.0
September	94.3
October	94.9 ^p
November	92.0 ^f
December	

MONTANA'S ECONOMY

Revised data for Montana Economic Indicators show negative trends for much of 1973, and all of the third quarter. Housing permits are way down from last year due probably to tight money supplies and high interest. Layoff improved slightly over the preceding month but remained high enough to push the index lower than 100 base.

Average weekly hours improved over the previous month but remained lower than for the same time period of one year ago. Accessions continued to drop from the previous month and remained lower than last year's level. Average weekly initial claims remained up but on a level comparable to last year.

Few, if any, economists are optimistic for the first part of 1974. Some are predicting a recession, and most predict continued inflation and shortages for the nation.

* Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.

** Indicates last month of plotted data.

p: Preliminary. f: Forecast.

Table VII
MONTANA CIVILIAN WORK FORCE
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Aq	Aqri.	Total	Percent Montana U. S.		
1971								
January	287.3	267.2	233.3	33.9	19.7	6.9	6.0	.4
February	290.6	270.4	235.2	35.2	19.8	6.8	5.8	.4
March	289.9	271.0	237.0	34.0	18.9	6.5	6.0	*
April	292.0	272.9	235.7	37.2	19.1	6.5	6.1	*
May	292.3	273.8	236.6	37.2	18.5	6.3	6.2	*
June	291.4	272.2	236.6	35.6	19.1	6.5	5.6	.1
July	293.9	267.6	231.9	35.7	20.5	7.0	5.8	5.8
August	296.8	268.4	232.1	36.3	22.6	7.6	6.1	5.8
September	296.5	268.2	233.4	34.8	22.5	7.6	6.0	5.8
October	291.4	269.9	238.9	31.0	21.4	7.3	5.8	.1
November	295.8	276.7	241.6	35.1	19.0	6.4	6.0	.1
December	298.4	277.0	241.2	35.8	21.3	7.1	6.0	.1
1971 Avg.	293.0	271.4	236.1	35.3	20.1	6.9	5.9	1.5
1972								
January	298.3	276.5	241.9	34.6	21.7	7.3	5.9	.1
February	299.0	277.6	242.7	34.9	21.3	7.1	5.7	.1
March	302.0	281.0	246.2	34.8	20.9	6.9	5.9	.1
April	302.2	281.0	242.2	38.8	21.1	7.0	5.9	.1
May	300.8	278.4	240.9	37.5	22.2	7.4	5.9	.2
June	297.2	275.9	238.8	37.1	21.2	7.2	5.5	.1
July	289.8	268.2	235.0	33.2	21.2	7.3	5.5	.4
August	296.9	271.6	233.0	38.6	24.7	8.3	5.6	.6
September	294.9	271.0	231.5	39.5	23.6	7.9	5.5	.3
October	292.1	268.2	236.4	31.8	23.8	8.1	5.5	.1
November	294.7	272.6	238.5	34.1	22.0	7.4	5.2	.1
December	304.2	275.1	240.9	34.2	28.9	9.4	5.1	.2
1972 Avg.	297.4	274.7	238.9	35.8	22.6	7.6	5.6	.2
1973								
January	303.3	281.3	247.1	34.2	21.9	7.2	5.0	.1
February	302.7	284.0	248.6	35.4	18.7	6.2	5.1	*
March	304.9	286.7	251.4	35.3	18.2	6.0	5.0	*
April	301.0	282.1	247.1	35.0	18.7	6.2	5.0	.2
May	302.1	282.1	245.8	36.3	19.7	6.5	5.0	.3
June	295.2	274.5	242.1	32.4	20.2	6.8	4.8	.5
July	299.8	278.5	241.0	37.5	21.3	7.1	4.7	*
August	295.7	274.3	240.3	34.0	21.2	7.2	4.8	.2
September	295.2	274.3	240.3	34.0	20.7	7.0	4.8	.2
October	297.9	276.1	243.8	32.3	21.6	7.3	4.5	.2
November	295.2	279.5	246.0	33.5	15.7	5.3	-	-
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50 Current month in italics is a forecast Previous month preliminary
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks Series began January 1957

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers

Table VIII
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent County State		
1971								
January	30.8	29.1	28.0	1.1	1.7	5.5	6.9	0
February	30.9	29.1	28.0	1.1	1.8	5.8	6.8	0
March	31.2	29.4	28.0	1.4	1.8	5.8	6.5	0
April	31.6	29.8	28.2	1.6	1.8	5.7	6.5	0
May	31.6	29.9	28.3	1.6	1.7	5.4	6.3	0
June	31.6	29.6	27.6	2.0	1.9	6.0	6.5	.1
July	30.7	27.2	25.9	1.3	2.1	6.8	7.0	1.4
August	31.2	27.5	26.1	1.4	2.3	7.4	7.6	1.4
September	31.4	27.7	26.5	1.2	2.3	7.3	7.6	1.4
October	31.1	29.2	28.4	.8	1.9	6.1	7.3	0
November	31.1	29.3	28.4	.9	1.8	5.8	6.4	0
December	31.8	29.7	28.6	1.1	2.1	6.6	7.1	0
1971 Avg.	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	1.9	6.1	6.9	.3
1972								
January	31.8	29.8	28.7	1.1	2.0	6.3	7.3	0
February	31.8	29.8	28.7	1.1	2.0	6.3	7.1	0
March	32.1	30.3	28.9	1.4	1.8	5.6	6.9	0
April	32.6	30.8	29.2	1.6	1.8	5.5	7.0	0
May	32.3	30.6	29.0	1.6	1.7	5.3	7.4	0
June	32.6	30.3	28.4	1.9	2.3	7.1	7.2	0
July	31.9	29.6	28.1	1.5	2.3	7.2	7.3	*
August	31.9	29.3	27.6	1.7	2.6	8.2	8.3	*
September	32.1	29.4	27.7	1.7	2.7	8.4	7.9	*
October	32.5	29.8	28.3	1.5	2.7	8.3	8.1	0
November	32.3	29.8	28.2	1.6	2.5	7.7	7.4	*
December	32.7	29.9	28.3	1.6	2.8	8.6	9.4	*
1972 Avg.	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	7.1	7.6	*
1973								
January	32.8	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.5	7.6	7.2	*
February	32.4	30.1	28.8	1.3	2.3	7.1	6.2	*
March	32.2	30.0	28.7	1.3	2.2	6.8	6.0	*
April	32.9	30.6	29.0	1.6	2.3	7.0	6.2	*
May	32.8	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.5	7.6	6.5	*
June	33.0	30.4	28.4	2.0	2.6	7.9	6.8	0
July	33.1	30.6	28.7	1.9	2.5	7.5	7.1	0
August	33.5	31.1	29.8	1.3	2.4	7.2	7.2	0
September	33.3	30.7	28.8	1.9	2.6	7.8	7.0	*
October	33.5	31.2	29.6	1.6	2.3	6.7	7.3	0
November	33.2	31.2	29.5	1.7	2.0	6.0	5.3	-
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50 Current month in italics is a forecast Previous month preliminary
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks Series began January 1969

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers

Table IX
BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)
Civilian Work Force
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent		
						County	State	
1971								
January	37.1	35.0	33.3	1.7	2.1	5.7	6.9	*
February	37.7	35.5	33.4	2.1	2.2	5.8	6.8	*
March	37.6	35.3	33.8	1.5	2.3	6.1	6.5	*
April	37.8	35.6	33.8	1.8	2.2	5.8	6.5	*
May	38.2	36.1	34.2	1.9	2.1	5.5	6.3	0
June	37.2	35.2	34.2	1.0	2.0	5.4	6.5	0
July	38.6	36.3	34.6	1.7	2.3	6.0	7.0	0
August	38.4	36.0	34.2	1.8	2.4	6.3	7.6	0
September	39.0	36.5	34.9	1.6	2.5	6.4	7.6	0
October	38.5	36.2	35.3	.9	2.3	6.0	7.3	0
November	39.2	36.7	35.5	1.2	2.5	6.4	6.4	0
December	39.1	36.6	35.3	1.3	2.5	6.4	7.1	0
1971 Avg.	38.2	35.9	34.4	1.5	2.3	6.0	6.9	0
1972								
January	39.4	37.0	35.1	1.9	2.4	6.1	7.3	0
February	39.3	37.0	35.5	1.5	2.3	5.9	7.1	0
March	40.3	37.9	36.1	1.8	2.4	6.0	6.9	0
April	40.1	37.8	36.2	1.6	2.3	5.7	7.0	*
May	39.9	37.4	36.1	1.3	2.5	6.3	7.4	*
June	40.3	38.0	36.5	1.5	2.3	5.7	7.2	*
July	41.6	39.0	36.7	2.3	2.6	6.3	7.3	*
August	41.9	39.1	36.4	2.7	2.8	6.7	8.3	*
September	42.1	39.5	37.0	2.5	2.6	6.2	7.9	*
October	41.6	38.9	37.4	1.5	2.7	6.5	8.1	*
November	41.7	39.1	37.5	1.6	2.6	6.2	7.4	*
December	41.6	39.0	37.2	1.8	2.6	6.3	9.4	*
1972 Avg.	40.8	38.3	36.5	1.8	2.5	6.1	7.6	*
1973								
January	42.4	39.5	37.6	1.9	2.9	6.8	7.2	*
February	41.6	39.6	37.6	2.0	2.0	4.8	6.2	*
March	41.6	39.8	37.9	1.9	1.8	4.3	6.0	0
April	41.9	39.7	38.2	1.5	2.2	5.3	6.2	*
May	41.7	39.3	37.9	1.4	2.4	5.8	6.5	*
June	42.7	40.0	38.5	1.5	2.3	5.4	6.8	.4
July	42.8	40.2	38.4	1.8	2.6	6.1	7.1	*
August	43.3	40.5	38.3	2.2	2.8	6.5	7.2	*
September	42.6	40.1	38.1	2.0	2.5	5.7	7.0	*
October	42.2	39.5	38.2	1.3	2.7	6.4	7.3	*
November	42.3	39.7	38.4	1.3	2.6	6.1	5.3	-
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50 Current month in italics is a forecast Previous month preliminary
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks Series began January 1969

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers

Table X

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS For Private Nonagricultural Industries

OCTOBER 1973

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1972	Oct. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1972	Oct. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1972
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$145.30	\$145.73	\$136.89	36.6	36.8	37.3	\$3.97	\$3.96	\$3.67
MANUFACTURING									
Durable Goods	187.27	188.09	175.56	40.1	40.8	42.1	4.67	4.61	4.17
Primary Metal Industries	189.37	189.28	178.00	40.9	41.6	43.1	4.63	4.55	4.13
Nondurable Goods	188.33	187.78	164.36	39.9	39.7	39.7	4.72	4.73	4.14
Food and Kindred Products	182.60	184.78	173.09	38.2	38.9	39.7	4.78	4.75	4.36
	169.51	177.10	159.71	38.7	40.9	43.4	4.38	4.33	3.68
MINING									
Metal Mining	208.69	195.70	185.85	41.0	38.6	41.3	5.09	5.07	4.50
	209.32	176.62	188.90	40.1	33.9	40.8	5.22	5.21	4.63
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	255.44	251.46	222.04	37.4	38.1	36.7	6.83	6.60	6.05
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	229.08	225.78	204.10	41.5	41.2	41.4	5.52	5.48	4.93
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	186.19	186.59	172.87	39.7	39.7	39.2	4.69	4.70	4.41
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	113.25	112.54	108.68	35.5	35.5	35.4	3.19	3.17	3.07
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	105.05	107.22	100.10	36.1	37.1	36.4	2.91	2.89	2.75
SERVICES	88.56	91.08	86.84	32.8	33.0	33.4	2.70	2.76	2.60

Data for current month are preliminary.

Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.

Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).

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MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

SEPTEMBER 1973

	ACCESSION RATES				SEPARATION RATES										
	Total		New Hires		Total		Quits		Layoffs						
	Sept. 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Aug. 1973					
	1972	1972	1972	1972	1972	1972	1972	1972	1972	1972					
MANUFACTURING	4.4	4.2	5.3	4.0	3.7	4.5	5.9	5.8	7.6	3.8	3.1	4.7	1.2	1.5	2.1
Durable Goods	3.9	4.4	5.5	3.4	3.9	5.2	6.1	5.7	8.0	4.0	3.5	5.5	1.0	1.2	1.7
Primary Metal Industries	2.7	1.8	2.2	1.1	1.2	1.8	6.8	4.1	9.7	2.9	1.6	3.3	2.2	1.2	5.6
Nondurable Goods	5.1	3.6	4.9	4.9	3.2	3.2	5.6	5.7	6.8	3.4	2.4	3.2	1.7	2.0	3.0
MINING	6.6	6.7	4.4	3.2	3.2	2.7	8.7	7.3	6.6	4.8	3.5	5.6	.3	.1	.1
Metal Mining	6.3	8.2	4.8	1.4	2.7	2.0	9.4	9.2	7.3	5.0	3.3	5.8	.1	*	*

* Less than .05.

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Series began January 1959.

Table XII.

MONTANA JOB VACANCY RATES

In Selected Industries

(Percent)

SEPTEMBER 1973

	Sept. 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1972
MANUFACTURING	*	.1	.5
Durable Goods	*	*	.1
Primary Metal Industries	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	*	.1	1.4
MINING	1.6	1.6	.8

* Less than .05.

Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
 Series began January 1970.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following map are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

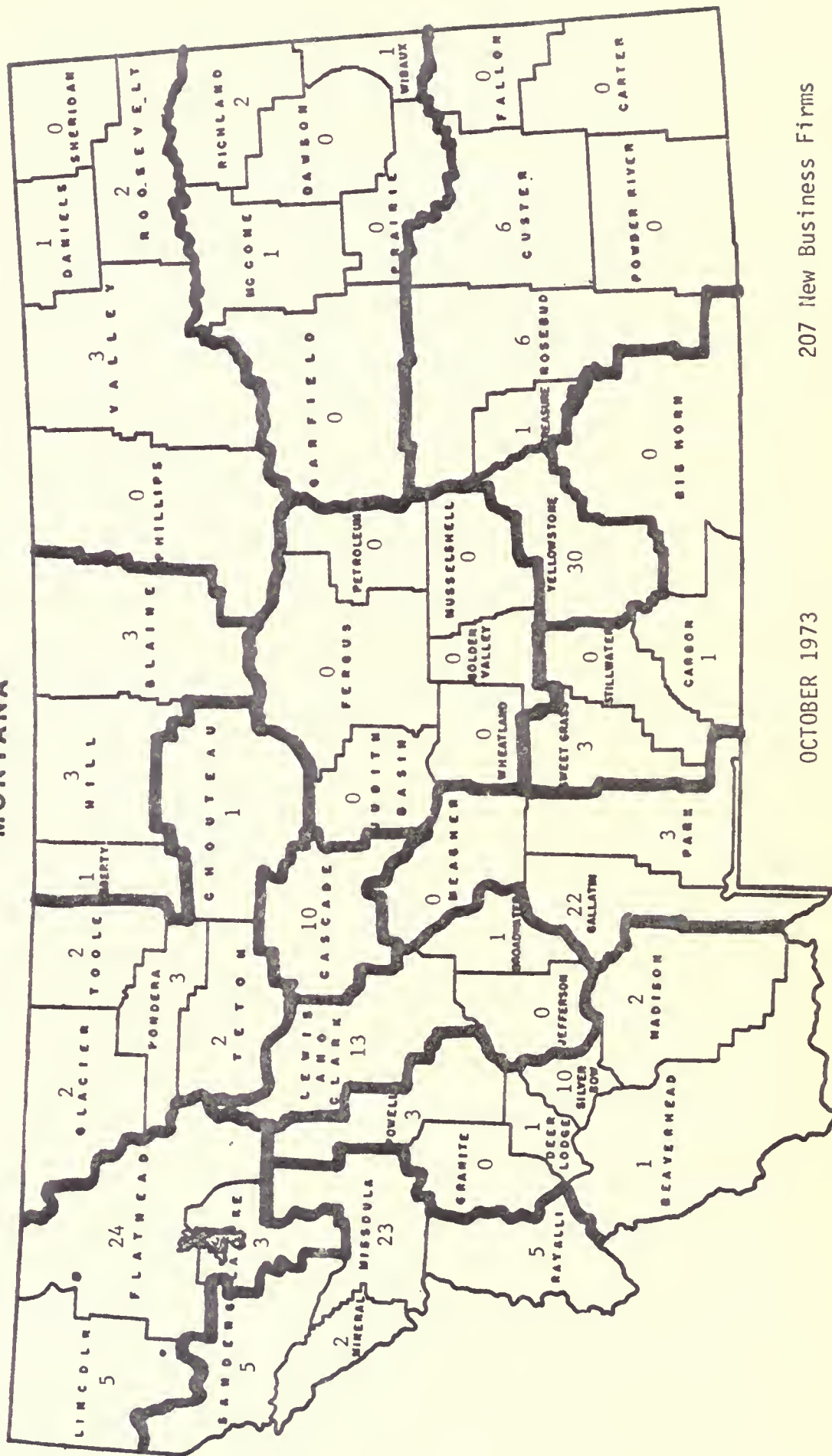
The map on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts during the month of October, 1973. Labor market areas are designated by the dark outline.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses in Montana in October by industry:

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	21
MINING	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	29
MANUFACTURING	10
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	15
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	49
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	21
SERVICES	62
TOTAL	207

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS

IN MONTANA



OCTOBER 1973

207 New Business Firms

Source of Data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section;
Montana Secretary of State.

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS
WITH COUNTIES INCLUDED IN EACH AREA

ANACONDA-BUTTE AREA

Beaverhead
Deer Lodge
Granite
Madison
Powell
Silver Bow

BOZEMAN AREA

Gallatin
Meagher
Park

GLASGOW AREA

Daniels
Phillips
Roosevelt
Sheridan
Valley

GLENDIVE AREA

Dawson
Garfield
McCone
Prairie
Richland
Wibaux

HARDIN-RED LODGE AREA

Big Horn
Carbon
Stillwater
Sweet Grass

HAVRE AREA

Blaine
Hill
Liberty

HELENA AREA

Broadwater
Jefferson
Lewis and Clark

KALISPELL AREA

Flathead
Lake
Lincoln

LEWISTOWN AREA

Fergus
Golden Valley
Judith Basin
Musselshell
Petroleum
Wheatland

MILES CITY AREA

Carter
Custer
Fallon
Powder River
Rosebud
Treasure

MISSOULA AREA

Mineral
Missoula
Ravalli
Sanders

SHELBY AREA

Chouteau
Glacier
Pondera
Teton
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